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Welcome to all new recruiters!

We wish a fond farewell to one of the Bristol centre Research Nurses, Lisa Calver, who has secured her dream job as a Senior Cardiac Liaison Nurse at Bristol Children's Hospital. Congratulations Lisa, we will miss you!
A Band 6 Research Nurse vacancy will be advertised in early 2011.



How are we doing?

At the end of December 675 patients had been recruited by practices supported by the Bristol study centre. This is fantastic work by all recruiters! The Bristol centre is still significantly ahead of our local target, while the study as a whole is well on target with over 1300 recruits.

Yippee!

Happy New Year from the DUTY team!



We hope you have all had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and inspired. Here in the Bristol we study centre we are looking forward to massive recruitment in 2011. The DUTY database has unfortunately started the New Year with a Bang of the wrong sort, so if you log in while it is off line and find you can't enter data, please accept our apologies and continue to recruit on paper. We are working hard to fix it and to keep it fixed.

Introducing Sarah Gallagher, Practice Nurse Manager and Nurse Practitioner at the Hatherley Surgery in Cheltenham

Q.: What role do you play in the study?

A: I co-ordinate the recruitment for the study in our surgery and am also involved in recruiting patients.

Q: How will DUTY help you in the future?

A: As a lot the patients I see are children presenting with acute illnesses the DUTY study will enable me to better pinpoint which children need their urine testing in the future.

Q: What do you think are the main challenges for this study?

A: The main challenges are to get the parents to bring back the urine samples!

Q: What is your top tip for successful recruitment?

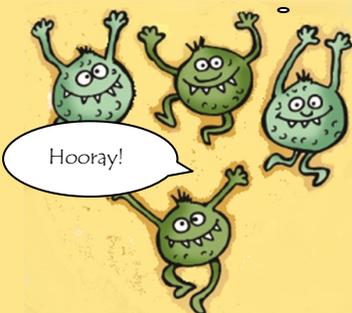
A: My top tip is to be organised and speak to the parents before they arrive in the surgery to gain consent and ask them to complete the first part of the questionnaire whilst they are sat waiting to see you (with the nappy pad already in situ, in the child that is!)

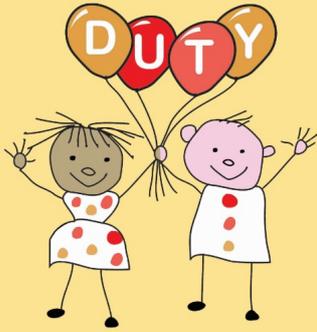
Q: What are you most looking forward to in 2011?

A: I am most looking forward to finishing my Masters in Advanced Health so I can have more free time!



Recruiting sites update: DUTY is now recruiting in over 50 practices supported by the Bristol study centre, ranging from Somerset to Morecombe Bay. We hope that at least 2 practices in Cornwall will shortly come on-line, with more to follow. Liz Thomas is now our only full-time Research Nurse, and is able to support up to 2 Option 1 sites in Bristol at any one time. Liz will also continue to provide support and mentoring for Option 2 recruitment. **Option 2 is reimbursed at £100 per patient, and Option 1 at £60 per patient.**





3 month notes review

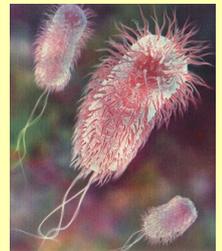
At 3 months from the date of recruitment, DUTY will review patient medical notes to find out how many primary care contacts (not related to routine immunisations and screening), hospital visits and tests have taken place since recruitment, and how many of these were related to UTI. We also want to find out what medication the child has been given, and the results of any further urine samples.

The questionnaire for collecting information from the medical notes has now been finalised and will shortly be piloted in a few practices in and around Bristol, before we start to contact individual surgeries to arrange times when we can come in and do this work. If you would like to see a copy of the pilot questionnaire, please

contact Harriet Downing (harriet.downing@bristol.ac.uk).

QUICK QUIZ: TRUE OR FALSE?

1. The *E. coli* naturally present in our guts produce significant amounts of Vitamin K.
2. The name *Escherichia* comes from the Greek word meaning "with tails".
3. The bacterial version of sex (conjugation) occurs only between the same bacterial species.



Send your answers to harriet.downing@bristol.ac.uk to win a prize for your practice.

DUTY study equipment

The DUTY study has sent out a large amount of equipment to recruiting sites. In order to make best use of our limited stocks we need to try to make sure it is used as efficiently as possible. If you have not recruited for a while, we will be getting in touch with you over the next couple of months to reclaim any unused equipment and High Street Vouchers, which have a real cash value. If you need more equipment, do continue to fax your order forms to Steve and Catherine on 0117 331 3838.



The Bristol study team has moved! Our new address (on the website, and on all paperwork issued from now on) is: **The DUTY Study, Academic Unit of Primary Health Care, School of Social and Community Medicine, University of Bristol, Canynge Hall, 39 Whatley Road, Bristol BS8 2PS.** Any mail sent to our previous Belgrave Road address (including the brown envelopes) will be forwarded on to us. You can contact us on the numbers below:

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DUTY now needs to record NHS numbers for all patients recruited. We will be in contact with your practice in over the next few months to update our data with this new information.

URINE DIPSTICK TEST

DUTY wants to find out whether doctors' diagnoses are influenced by urine dipstick testing. We ask you to record how you intend to manage the patient before, and after you have seen the DUTY dipstick test result. EVEN IF YOU ALREADY KNOW the result we'd still like you to record 'before' and 'after' diagnosis and management to the best of your knowledge.

